IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1344 OF 2007

Mr.Suresh Laxman Chikdul. ...Applicant.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr.Uday P. Warunjikar, Adv. for the Applicant.
Mr.K.V.Saste, APP, for the State.

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CORAM : SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.
DATED : 25th June, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in C.R.No.4 of 2007 of Bhudargad Police Station. The said case is under Sections 3 and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act. The said case is now being investigated by the Local Crime Branch, Kolhapur.

3. Mr.Saste, the learned APP on instructions states that custody of the applicant is not necessary if the applicant is asked to report to LCB, Kolhapur for fifteen days.

4. In this view of the matter, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the applicant.

5. In the event of arrest, the applicant - Suresh Laxman Chikdul to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.30,000/-with one or two sureties to make up the said amount. The applicant shall report to the office of L.C.B. Kolhapur everyday for 15 days starting from 28.6.2007 from 11:00 a.m.to 2:00 p.m.; and thereafter once in a week, till conclusion of the trial.

6. Application is disposed of accordingly.

(SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.)